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VENTNOR
1967**



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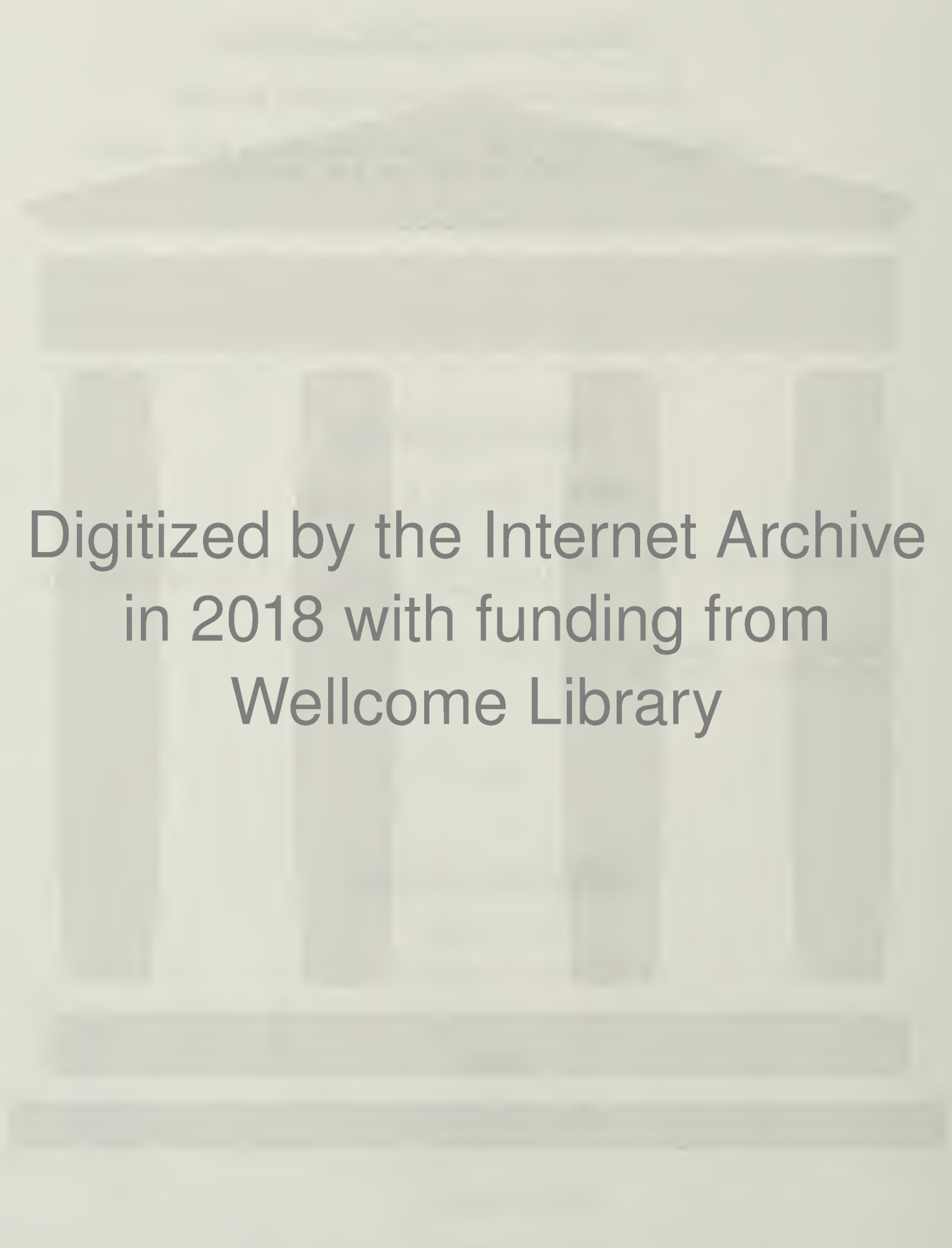
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VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
For the Year Ended 31st December, 1967

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ventnor Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1967.

The statistics for births and deaths do not reveal any significant changes. There were eighty seven births and only two were illegitimate. Although illegitimacy appears to be a problem elsewhere, the rate for Ventnor continues to be low (2.3 per cent.).

Coronary disease and stroke again accounted for a large proportion of the deaths. The causes of these conditions are not definitely known but lack of exercise must undoubtedly be a factor in many instances.

There were two suicides and both were due to barbiturate poisoning. Drugs such as this account for a large proportion of the suicides in the country to-day.

Infectious diseases were not a problem during the year. The ordinary childhood infections continued to be mild. A vaccine for the prevention of ordinary measles became available towards the end of the year. Unfortunately, no vaccine has become available for the prevention of German measles. German measles is particularly dangerous when women in the early stages of pregnancy are infected, as the baby may suffer from severe handicaps such as deafness.

Pasteurised milk is available to all, but some households continue to take raw milk or "farm milk" as it is called. Raw milk can transmit diseases such as undulant fever.

During the year I had to draw the attention of the Council to the lack of hand washing facilities in public conveniences. It was agreed that steps would be taken to rectify this state of affairs. The provision of soap and towels can, however become costly, if there is no way of controlling vandalism in public conveniences. It is hoped that the public will co-operate by reporting any attempts to destroy the facilities being provided.

In my last report I recorded that no premises had been inspected in accordance with the Shops, Offices and Railway Premises Act. With the assistance of Mr. N. Norman, the Rodent Operative, this has now been rectified.

The demand for council house accomodation continued to be greater than the supply. If every family could be adequately housed it would be a major contribution to the health of the community.

My thanks are again due to the staff of the department for their efficient work and loyalty.

Finally, may I respectfully express to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee my appreciation of their support during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Quantrell

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS

1. GENERAL

Total hours of sunshine during 1967	1873.8 hours
Total rainfall during 1967	37.58 inches
Area in acres	3,562
Number of inhabited houses (at 31.3.67)	2,300
Rateable value (at 1.4.67)	£250,535
Sum represented by ld. rate (1966/67)	£980

2. VITAL

Population (Registrar General's estimate)	6,260
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Births

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of live legitimate births	51	34	85
Number of live illegitimate births	1	1	2
Live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			13.9
Comparative factor (births)			1.50
Comparative birth rate			20.8
Live birth rate per 1,000 in England & Wales			17.2 (prov.)
Number of legitimate stillbirths			Nil
Number of illegitimate stillbirths			Nil
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil
Total live and stillbirths			87
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			2.3

Deaths

Total number of deaths	55	70	125
Crude death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population			19.9
Comparative factor (deaths)			0.58
Comparative death rate			11.5
Death rate in England and Wales			11.2 (prov.)
Number of deaths of legitimate infants under one year of age	2	1	3
Number of deaths of illegitimate infants under one year of age	-	-	Nil
Death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births			22.9
Death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			23.5
Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			Nil
Infant mortality rate (England & Wales)			18.3 (prov.)
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			11.5
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births			Nil
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths			Nil
Maternal deaths (including abortion)			Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

						<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Measles	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	2 (-)
" " - Lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	4	(5)	1 (1)
" " - Breast	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	2 (2)
" " - Uterus	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	8	(9)	4 (8)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	1 (-)
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	- (-)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	10	(10)	21 (18)
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	15	(17)	11 (11)
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	1	(1)	4 (-)
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	9 (6)
Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	3	(3)	4 (7)
Influenza	...	...	...	...	-	(1)	- (-)
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	(5)	2 (4)
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	4	(3)	1 (3)
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	-	(2)	- (2)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	- (-)
Nephritis, nephrosis	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1	(1)	- (-)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	2	(5)	5 (5)
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	1	(-)	1 (-)
Suicide	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	2 (2)
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	-	(-)	- (-)
						<u>55 (62)</u>	<u>70 (69)</u>

Note: Figures for 1966 are entered in brackets.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious and other Diseases

Three cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year. No other notifications were received.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Total number of outbreaks	Nil
Number of cases	Nil
Number of deaths	Nil

Infectious and other Diseases - From the weekly returns of Head Teachers :

Measles	5
German measles	1
Chickenpox	4
Whooping Cough	1
Impetigo	2
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Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Acts, 1944

Number of samples taken during 1967	- 11
Number of samples found to be positive for Tubercle Bacillus	- Nil
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	- Nil.

VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Salisbury Gardens,
VENTNOR, I.W.

To the Chairman and Members of
The Ventnor Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

By courtesy of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. D.W. Quantrill, this part of his report is presented separately and my thanks are due to him for this privilege.

Before presenting my report I take great pleasure in expressing my thanks to the Chairman and Members of Public Health and Housing Committee for their help and support, and also to the Chief Officers of the other departments and their staffs who have never failed to give assistance and advice when called upon.

During the year Mrs. D. Morris, who had been part-time clerk in the office, resigned, and Miss D. Tosdevin was appointed to carry out her duties and also to act as telephone switchboard operator.

My especial thanks are also due to Mr. R. Norman who has carried out his duties as Rodent Operator to my entire satisfaction and with the grateful thanks of the many members of the general public to whom he has been able to help.

He has also been of great assistance to me in carrying out the duties imposed on the department by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1961 and is now well versed in the intricacies of this Act.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ERIC H. EVANS

Public Health Inspector.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

Work of the Public Health Inspector during 1967.

Public Health Acts

Inspections	158
Nuisances observed	140
Re-inspections of all kinds	464
Visits re Housing Accommodation	277
" re Water Supplies	127
" re Drainage work in progress	162
" re Holiday accommodation	131
Intimation notices served	21
Statutory notices served	17

In the holiday season quite a proportion of the Inspectors time is taken up with the inspection of holiday accommodation after complaint, and with regular visits to holiday flats. A total of 131 visits was made.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are two caravan sites within the Urban District, the total number of caravans on the two sites being 35. The number of visits to these sites and investigating other caravans sited behind or adjacent to hotels or boarding houses was 127.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

<u>FOOD PREMISES</u>				
<u>Category</u>	<u>Total No.of Premises</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.16</u>	<u>Regulation 19 applicable</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with Reg.19</u>
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	-	-
Greengrocers	6	6	-	-
Grocers	31	31	31	31
Cafes, etc.	42	42	42	42
Licensed Premises)	23	23	23	23
Full Licence)				
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Hotels Licensed	34	34	34	34
Private Hotels	29	29	29	29
Guest Houses	60	60Y	60	Y

Y Only a limited number have been inspected.

Section 16, Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960 relates to provision of personal washing facilities and Regulation 19 deals with the facilities for washing food and equipment.

Regulation 19 does not apply where no open food is handled.

Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Registered for Ice Cream

Grocers	20
Confectioners	10
Kiosks	8
Fishmongers	1
Cafes	26

Three premises are registered for the manufacture of loose ice cream but only two this year have exercised this right.

Registered for the preparation of sausages

Butchers	3
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Registered for the preservation of food (by cooking)

Grocers	2
Fried Fish	2
Fishmongers	1

Premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959

Dairies	2
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UN SOUND FOOD

The following food was surrendered for destruction :-

5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs of Pepper	101 lbs English Beef
8 lbs chopped pork	3 x 12 ozs chips
15 lbs Argentine hind quarter	4 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs cod fries
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Yellow cling peaches	24 lbs peas
89 Lemons	12 x $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs peas
157 lbs onions	11 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs grapes
30 lbs Greengages	26 lbs hindquarter beef, English
13 lbs cooked gammon	8 lbs shoulder ham
4 x 11 lb tins of cooked ham	23 lbs cooked ham
40 lbs brussell sprouts	38 lbs boneless shin beef, N.Z.

Food & Drugs Act (continued)

Number of Food Inspections	103
Inspection of Food Premises	236
Walls and ceilings repaired or redecorated	66
W.C. repaired or cleansed	16
Yards re-paved	3
Dustbins	12
Equipment, floors, sinks, Working surfaces, etc.	95

Proceedings were instituted against one cafe proprietor resulting in a total penalty of £40 (8 counts) plus 10 guineas costs.

A difficult problem facing Hoteliers, Caterers and the Council's Refuse Collection Department is the collection and disposal of waste food and general refuse which accumulates at an alarming rate during the season.

As a help the Health Department always recommend the use of paper sacks in lieu of the traditional metal bin.

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses represented under Section 16	18
Number of demolition orders made	2
Number of undertakings accepted	18
Number of houses demolished	10
Number of houses fit as result of undertakings	6
Number of houses made fit by informal action	18

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Public Supply

The Urban District is supplied with drinking water by the Isle of Wight River and Water Board.

The water is chlorinated and treated and is not liable to plumbo-solvency.

The sampling of the water is carried out at source and otherwise, by the Board and copies of the reports are supplied to the County Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector.

The total number of samples notified to the Public Health Inspector were as follows :-

<u>Total Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
157	130	27

WATER SUPPLIES (cont.)

(b) Private Supplies

Nine properties have private water supplies, these are regularly checked, and periodical samples are taken to the Public Health Laboratories, Portsmouth with the following results -

<u>Total Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
29	16	13

Private Swimming Pools

Three hotels and two schools have private swimming pools, these are regularly visited and samples taken. The results have proved very satisfactory as follows :-

<u>Total Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
39	38	1

Children's Paddling Pool

This again was well patronised and samples taken showed the following results -

<u>Total Taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
4	1	3

The water is chlorinated twice daily and frequent checks on the water are carried out by chloroscope.

RODENT CONTROL

The number of complaints concerning rats or mice has remained practically as in previous years, many of the complaints are found to be concerned with a stray rat, or mice infestation. The total number of visits by the Rodent Operative including routine visits was 3,191.

As a result of negative results in the Sewer baiting the Ministry of Agriculture have granted this Council exemption from Sewer baiting until 1970.

Contract Scheme

This is a very successful scheme and must have great bearing on our control of the Rodent population. The number of premises participating is now 67, an increase from last year of 4.

Infestations

Complaints of insect pests were :-

Cockroaches	17
Flies	11
Woodlice	2
Fleas	6
Mites	1
Ants	6
Wasp nests	47

A charge of 5/- is levied in respect of each wasp nest destroyed.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During the year a further 86 registered premises received a general inspection and the total number of visits including re-visits was 156. All the premises to which the Act applies have now received a general inspection.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection and disposal service is controlled by the Surveyor. A weekly collection of domestic refuse is maintained, and during the season a twice-weekly collection of trade refuse is made from hotels and boarding houses.

Disposal is carried out by controlled tipping on the outskirts of Wroxall. The tip is checked regularly by the Rodent Operative and has been treated when found necessary.

SEWERAGE

The sewerage system is unchanged.

Bonchurch at the Eastern end is served by (a) cesspits and (b) modern septic tank systems. One large holiday establishment has a private sewer outfall discharging below low water mark.

SEWERAGE (continued)

St. Lawrence in the west is served partly by modern septic systems and partly by discharge into a small sewage works.

The Central area is discharged untreated through outfalls to below low water mark. In this connection works are proceeding with relaying the main outfall and installing modern comminutor chambers.

The Council operate a cesspool emptying service which has functioned well during the year. It also assists other Island authorities on occasion.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

District Councils are responsible for the administration of the following provisions of the Act :-

Sanitary conveniences in all types of factory;
Cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature and ventilation in
non-mechanical power factories; and
Outworkers - condition of premises in relation to the health
of the outworker.

The following is a summary of information required by the Ministry :-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	3	3	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by local authorities	24	20	5	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by local authorities (ex- cluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	27	23	5	Nil
